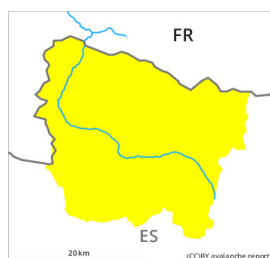


Danger Level 2 - Moderate



Tendency: Increasing avalanche danger

on Tuesday 20 12 2022



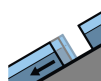
Wind slab



Snowpack stability: **very poor**

Frequency: **few**

Avalanche size: **medium**



Gliding snow



Snowpack stability: **poor**

Frequency: **few**

Avalanche size: **medium**



Wet snow



Snowpack stability: **poor**

Frequency: **few**

Avalanche size: **small**

Wind slabs and gliding snow require caution.

The more recent wind slabs are lying on weak layers in particular on very steep shady slopes above approximately 2000 m. They are mostly small and can be released easily at their margins. The avalanche prone locations are to be found adjacent to ridgelines and in gullies and bowls.

As a consequence of warming during the day gliding avalanches and moist snow slides are possible from the early morning, but they can reach medium size in isolated cases. The avalanche prone locations for gliding avalanches are to be found in particular on very steep grassy slopes below approximately 2400 m.

Apart from the danger of being buried, restraint should be exercised as well in view of the danger of avalanches sweeping people along and giving rise to falls.

Snowpack

As a consequence of a moderate to strong southerly wind, mostly small wind slabs will form in the course of the day in particular on west, north and east facing slopes. Isolated avalanche prone weak layers exist in the top section of the snowpack in particular in shady places that are protected from the wind. Released avalanches and stability tests indicate the unfavourable bonding of the snowpack on wind-loaded slopes.

Sunshine and high temperatures will give rise as the day progresses to increasing moistening of the snowpack especially on steep sunny slopes below approximately 2400 m.

In all regions there are 40 to 60 cm of snow, and even more in some localities. At high altitudes and in high Alpine regions snow depths vary greatly, depending on the influence of the wind.

Tendency

Tuesday: Slight increase in danger of dry avalanches as a consequence of the sometimes strong southerly wind.